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PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR 3-D GEOMETRIC MODELING OF THE SPINE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application under the provision of Rule 312 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5, lines 29-34, please change paragraph to read as follows:

The X-ray medical examination apparatus 150 may comprise an X-ray source, a table for receiving a patient to be examined, an optical system for providing image data to the processing system 120 which has at least one output 106 to provide image data to display and/or storage means 107. The display and storage means 107 may respectively be the screen 140 and the memory of a workstation 130 as described in relation to Fig. 4. Said storage means may be alternately external storage means.